

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 9, 2005, with a one-month extension filed herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: